

## Democratic Conventions.

### Idaho.

The Weiser, Idaho, correspondent for the Associated press, under date of June 6, says: "The Utah democratic convention adjourned tonight after incorporating the anti-Mormon resolution in their platform, instructing the delegates to vote for W. R. Hearst for the presidency and indorsing Senator Dubois for his work for the state. The delegates to the national convention are: Senator Fred Dubois, Henry Heitfeldt, Frank W. Hunt, W. W. Woods, Timothy Reagan and J. W. Ballentine.

"Si Donnelly, chairman of the state committee, was elected national committeeman.

"The anti-polygamy resolution follows: 'We also instruct our delegation to the national convention to use every honorable means to have said convention place a plank in the democratic platform advocating such amendment to the constitution of the United States as will authorize congress to pass such national legislation as may be necessary to suppress polygamy or unlawful cohabitation within the United States or any territory subject to its jurisdiction and to provide for the punishment thereof.'

### Utah.

The Associated press, under date of Salt Lake City, Utah, June 9, says: "The six delegates from Utah to the democratic national convention will go uninstructed. Four of the six, it is understood, are against Hearst, with a leaning toward Parker as first choice. Two delegates probably will support Hearst.

"For some time before the state convention, which met today, it seemed almost certain that a bitter factional fight would be waged over the question of instructions to the national delegates with regard to the polygamy question.

"One faction, led by Brigham H. Roberts, were outspoken in their demands that the delegates be instructed to fight an anti-polygamy plank in the national platform. Another faction strongly favored the adoption of a plank in the state platform similar to that adopted by the Idaho democratic convention, demanding that the federal government take into its own hands the suppression of polygamy.

"It was finally decided by the party leaders to avoid all reference to the question, and so thoroughly was this

plan carried out that no committee on resolutions was appointed and no platform was presented to the convention. Temporary Chairman Tillman D. Johnson, in his opening speech, made a plea for an uninstructed delegation and said the only platform the democratic party needed this year to win was an anti-Roosevelt plank. This was the only reference to national issues made.

"The delegates to the national convention are: Joseph Monson, George C. Whitmore, former Senators Frank J. Cannon and Joseph L. Rawlins, S. A. King and Simeon Bamberger. D. H. Peery, jr., a young mining man of Salt Lake City, was elected national committeeman from Utah."

### Kentucky.

The democratic convention for the state of Kentucky met at Louisville, June 8. The Associated press report of the convention says: "What promised to be a bitter contest for control of the state organization came up in the democratic state convention which met here today. The result of the first struggle, the election of a temporary chairman, was a decisive victory for the administration forces, led by Governor Beckham. Governor Beckham was elected temporary chairman by a vote of 817 to 322, over Judge Frank Peake of Shelby county.

"The fight against the administration was led by Senator J. C. Blackburn, assisted by Senator McCreary and Congressman D. H. Smith. When the convention opened State Chairman Allie Young made a lengthy speech in which he attacked the methods of the administration workers. At the close of Chairman Young's speech, Congressman Ollie James placed Governor Beckham in nomination for temporary chairman.

"United States Senator Blackburn nominated Judge Peake. Senator Blackburn made a remarkable speech. He asserted that the democratic platform in Kentucky was falling into the grasp of a machine and out of the control of the voters. He declared that he and his associates would contest to the last the effort of the administration men to elect Louis McQuown, chairman of the state central committee. Passing to national affairs he spoke in favor of an uninstructed delegation. His sentiments in this respect met the approval of the convention and subsequent references to Parker and McClellan as available candidates for the presidency provoked only moderate enthusiasm.

"Concerning Mr. Bryan, the senator announced his firm belief in the Nebraska statesman's purity of motive and said the report that Mr. Bryan would bolt the St. Louis convention if the candidate or platform should prove unsatisfactory, to be an infamous falsehood.

"The overwhelming vote for Governor Beckham for temporary chairman put his adherents in full control of the temporary organization. Governor Beckham, in his speech, announced that the fight for the control of the party was not of his seeking. He denied Senator Blackburn's assertion that a machine and not the voters controlled the party.

"The work of organizing the committees was rapidly proceeded with and the temporary organization having been completed the convention took a recess until 8:30 p. m.

"The district meetings in each of the eleven districts were held for the purpose of naming delegates to the national convention. Only one district, the Fifth, declared for Parker. Of the twenty delegates named at the other ten district meetings, three are regarded as possible Hearst men,

six are for Parker and eleven declined to express a preference.

"The first business before the convention at the evening session, the report of the committee on credentials, did not provoke the struggle that was expected, and the four contests passed upon received a unanimous report and were unanimously adopted.

"There was a short but spirited debate in the committee on resolutions over the platform, five of the members demanding reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform. In order to prevent a contest on the floor of the convention, a compromise was effected by adopting the following opening clause:

"The democratic party of Kentucky, in convention assembled, affirms its faith in and adherence to the great and fundamental principles of democracy as expounded by Jefferson, exemplified by Jackson and ably defended by Bryan."

"The resolutions condemn the 'unnecessary and unjust system of federal taxation maintained by the republican administration,' and demand a revision of the tariff in a conservative spirit. The increase of expenditures of the federal government under republican rule is condemned and what is termed 'the encroachments by the president upon the constitution,' are denounced. The resolutions further favor regulation of trusts and recommend a thorough investigation of all federal departments on the ground that the refusal of the republicans to permit further investigation of the postoffice department suggests hidden corruption. The course of Governor Durbin of Indiana in 'refusing to surrender on requisition from the governor of Kentucky the persons of William S. Taylor and Charles Finley, fugitives from justice, charged with the murder of William Goebel,' is denounced as a violation of the constitution.

"At 1 a. m. (Thursday) the majority and minority reports of the committee on permanent organization were being discussed with prospects that the convention would extend well into the morning.

"After the report of the committee on credentials there was a long wait while the committee on organization was discussing a change in the party rules governing the selection of state central and executive committeemen. The change in the rules was proposed by the Blackburn adherents. During his speech, Senator McCreary made an earnest plea for harmony, deprecating the attacks on Bryan, Cleveland and Hearst.

"The committee on permanent organization at midnight presented a minority and majority report. The majority report recommended the selection of Senators Blackburn and McCreary, Governor Beckham and Congressman Ollie James as delegates at large to the national convention.

"The report recommended the election of Louis McQuown as chairman of the state central committee.

"The minority report, while concurring with the majority report as to the delegates at large, called for the election of Congressman J. N. Kehoe as chairman.

"The reports provoked a long wrangle with a prospect of a number of roll calls on the different propositions and the delegates settled down for an all night session.

"The minority report was finally voted down and the majority report of the committee on organization was adopted, carrying with it the election of McQuown as chairman of the state central committee and Blackburn, McCreary, Beckham and James as delegates at large.

"The adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions was followed by a heated wrangle over a resolution indorsing Judge Alton B. Parker for

president, introduced by Congressman Swager Sherley of Louisville.

"The convention by a vote of nearly three to one declined to consider the resolution, all the delegates from the country districts voting not to suspend the rules and consider it. At 1:45 the convention adjourned."

### Virginia.

The democratic convention for the state of Virginia met at Richmond, June 9. Senators Daniel and Martin, Governor Montague and H. C. Brayton were chosen delegates at large. Joseph Button, R. Tate, Andrew Lipscombe and H. C. Maynard were chosen alternates at large. The Associated press report of the proceedings says:

"The state democratic convention today adopted a platform. The question of instructing the delegates to St. Louis for Parker came up, and after some debate the convention declined to indorse or instruct. The convention adopted the primary plan as amended by the convention committee. It provides that all state officers shall be nominated by a secret primary ballot. "The convention then adjourned."

Centerville (Ia.) Journal: The democratic platform will demand self-government for the Filipinos, whoever heads the ticket. General Miles, in his speech before the Iroquois club, Chicago, remarked incidentally that "about two hundred days" would be long enough to effect the transition from a satrapy to a republic.

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